The Detroit free trade league sent us circular asking us to publish non-partisan (?) free trade articles to be furnished by the league. Thank you gentlemen, but we prefer tariff articles of a different character. We have no time, inclination, nor space to devote to ruining American industries and American prosperity.

The democratic party claims to be the great party of economy and reform. But a democratic House of Representatives assem. bled on the first Monday in December, and nothing has been done yet. A month was consumed by the newly elected speaker in making out his list of committees, in other words, in placing his men where they could, in his judgment, do the most good for the democratic party. Perhaps about the time congress really ought to adjourn, the House may get ready to begin business. But there is little prospect of any legislation being accomplished, looking to the prosperity and benefit of the country. A presidential campaign is at hand, and between the anxiety of the democratic majority | 17 to advance the prospect for democratic success and a nervous attempt to straddle the tariff question, for fear of alienating their free trade allies on the one hand, or protection democrats on the other, they will find but little time for legitimate business. The boasted reform which the country is to have from the bourbon party has ever been but a sham and a burlesque, but the present democratic House bids fair to eclipse all its predecessors in that line.

Sheep Husbandry.

The "revenue reformers" claim to favor a tariff for revenue only, pure and simple. They are opposed to even incidental protec-Now let us see how this would work. Such a tariff would remove the entire protective duty from wool, for instance. This would destroy the great industry of sheep husbandry in this country. Within sixty days after the passage of such a law, wool growers would be killing their sheep for the pelts, and leaving their carcasses to rot in the fields. Fifteen years ago just before the duty was placed on wool, farmers everywhere did so. A protective tariff was placed on wool and see the billions of dollars this industry has since called into the pockets of our people. Never mind this say the free traders, down with protective tariffs. "We want a tariff for revenue only," they clamor. This means a tax on articles we do not ourselves grow, produce or make. And so, to illustrate, a tax is placed on tea and coffee.
And who is benefited? Not a human being in the world, except that the government gets a revenue therefrom. It seems, however, that the people of this country will have to pay an extra price for every pound of tea and coffee they use. On the one hand, then, the abolition of a protective tariff has destroyed the great wool growing industry of the country and impoverished millions of our farmers. On the other, a tariff for revenue only has compelled our people to pay an increased price for the staple necessities of life, tea and coffee. Hereby return thanks to my Cus The abolition of the tariff on wool would greatly profit the sheep growers of South America and the woolen manufacturers of England, all at the expense of our own people. The tariff for revenue only on tea and coffee would not benefit anyone, but would be a direct tax on our own people, to the extent of the amount raised, on the necessaries of life.-Charlotte Republican.

Observer's Observations. Sleighing has slid.

The indications are that we shall have either a mild or a cold winter. He, she, or it, that returned our light har-

ness to our farm barn, has our thanks.

The Lee district Christmas tree was a rusher, filled with piles of pretty presents. Our country is once more strewn from end to end with all that remains of the once proud emperor of the barn yard.

Byron Nixon of Waverly, has a new greyhound imported direct from Chicago, and the rabbits will have to climb for it.

Matt. Longwell drives a pair of 3-years old Duke colts, weighing 2800 pounds, for his fancy driving team, and they fill the bill The central market, or Ab. and Fred, its

proprietors, hung out a Christmas turkey that kicked the beam at 27 pounds in its stocking feet.

One of Mrs. Capt. Barrett's neighbors presented her, on Christmas day, with a bran new cistern pump, and the old lady feels as happy over it as a boy with a new

A rural chap took one of our handsome widows out for a sleigh ride, the other day. When they had got out into the country the horse broke the whifiletree and the h. w. had to walk back. How careless somel fellows

A man in southwest Paw Paw recently That I keep Constantly on hand, a lost a cat which was 18 years old. It was a female feline, and she had been the happy mother of over 900 little cats by actual count. If anyone can trot out a more prolific cat we will step down and out. We would advise the Gobieville correspondent not to try it, for they might devour his mush and milk

and so ruin his social business. A couple of town boys went skunking a few days since and dug out nine of the highly scented animals. A fur dealer offered them \$7.00 for the lot, and he do his own skinning, which offer the boys refused. They claimed that they could get two gallons of oil worth \$6.00 per gallon, and have the birds left. This skunk business is becoming quite an enterprise. A good skunk hunter of tem-perate habits, with a double barreled shovel

can make money. Thomas Galligan , one of our old veterans, Thomas Galligan, one of our old veterans, had a family reunion at his house last Saturday, his 74th birthday. There were about thirty persons present, including all his children and their families, and all had a good time. The table was filled with all that heart could wish, prepared by Mrs. Tommy, one of the best cooks and smartest cold ladies in 17 counties. No after dinner old ladies in 17 counties. No after dinner speeches were made, most of the company being too full for utterance, so full, indeed that it was thought some of them would have to be rolled on a barrel, but wiser counsels prevailed and no accident happen-The old gentleman is wide awake and full of fleas, and can attend more religious meetings in a week than all his sons can in a month. All agreed that the next time he had a 74th birthday reunion, they would attend if in their power so to do.

John Vories talks of renting his farm and oving to Kalamazoo.

There was a watch meeting at the M. E. hurch on New Years eve.

Quite a number of our citizens spent Christmas with friends at and near Kala-

We saw one of our crack shots fire a revolver seven times at some chickens feeding at a distance of ten feet, and he never scared

It was Drummond and not Hammond as the Free Press and Courier had it, who moved into the house vacated by Crosby. The "intelligent compositor" must have left his glasses at home. We know their cores-pondent writes a very plain hand.

Kendall had the name of being the worst town in Michigan for non-church goers, but it can take precedence now. There have been meetings here for four weeks with crowded houses every night, many people coming seven miles. Bad weather don't affect our meetings, as the Lawton correspondent said it did theirs.

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